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## Narrative

### Concept Questions:

What does “celebration” mean?

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(3-2-1-0)

What does it mean for you to miss someone?

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(3-2-1-0)

If you are sad, how can someone cheer you up?

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(3-2-1-0)

How many candles are on a birthday cake?

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(3-2-1-0)

**Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ /12= \_\_\_\_\_ %

\_\_\_\_\_ FAM \_\_\_\_\_ UNFAM

**Prediction:**

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## “A Special Birthday for Rosa”

Today was the day Rosa had eagerly been waiting for, her birthday! She was very happy but she

also felt sad. This would be the first birthday that she would celebrate without all her family around her. The company that Rosa’s father worked for had given him a wonderful promotion. But this meant that Rosa, her parents, and her little brother, Jose, had to move to another state. Rosa liked her new home and friends. But, she really wanted to celebrate her birthday with her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all around her.

They had sent presents but it wouldn’t be the same if she couldn’t thank them in person. They wouldn’t be there to watch her blow out all the candles. And what kind of a birthday would it be without listening to her grandparents’ stories about growing up in Italy and Cuba? Also, four people could never sing as loudly or joyfully as her whole family could sing together!

That night, Mama made Rosa’s favorite meal. Afterwards, there was a beautiful cake. Mother, Father, and Jose sang “Happy Birthday” while the eight candles glowed. Rosa made a wish, took a deep breath, and blew out all the candles. “I know I won’t get what I wished for,” she said to herself, “but I’m going to wish for it anyway.”

Then it was time for the presents. Rosa’s father gave her the first present. It was a DVD. “I think we should play it right now before you open any more presents,” her father said. He put the DVD into the

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player. Suddenly, there on the television screen was the rest of Rosa's family smiling and waving and wishing her a happy birthday. One by one, each person on the DVD asked Rosa to open the present they had sent. Her father put the DVD on pause while Rosa did this. Then they explained why they had chosen that gift especially for Rosa. After all the presents were unwrapped, her family sang some favorite songs and Rosa, her mother, father, and Jose joined in.

Then, Rosa's grandfather spoke to her. "Rosa, this is a new story, one you have never heard before. I am going to tell it to you as a special birthday gift. It is about my first birthday in this country when I was very lonely for my friends and family. It is about how I met your grandmother." When Grandfather was finished, he and Grandmother blew Rosa a kiss and the DVD was finished.

Rosa felt wonderful. It was almost like having her family in the room with her. Rosa hugged her parents and her little brother. "I didn't think I would get my wish but I did," she said. That night, when Mama and Papa came to say goodnight to Rosa, they found her in bed, already asleep, with the DVD next to her. It had been the best birthday ever. (487 words)

Number of Total Miscues  
(Total Accuracy): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meaning-Change Miscues  
(Total Acceptability): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Accuracy	Total Acceptability
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0–12 miscues	_____ Independent	_____ 0–12 miscues
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13–51 miscues	_____ Instructional	_____ 13–24 miscues
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52+ miscues	_____ Frustration	_____ 25+ miscues
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**Rate:**  $487 \times 60 = 29,220 / \text{_____ seconds} = \text{_____ WPM}$

**Correct WPM:**  $(487 - \text{_____ errors}) \times 60 = \text{_____} / \text{_____ seconds} = \text{_____ CWPM}$

### Retelling Scoring Sheet for "A Special Birthday for Rosa"

#### Setting/Background

- \_\_\_\_\_ Today was Rosa's birthday.
- \_\_\_\_\_ She was happy
- \_\_\_\_\_ but she also felt sad.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This would be the first birthday
- \_\_\_\_\_ she would celebrate
- \_\_\_\_\_ without all her family
- \_\_\_\_\_ around her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Her father had been given a promotion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rosa,
- \_\_\_\_\_ her parents,
- \_\_\_\_\_ and her brother had to move
- \_\_\_\_\_ to another state.

#### Goal

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rosa wanted to celebrate her birthday
- \_\_\_\_\_ with her grandparents,
- \_\_\_\_\_ aunts,
- \_\_\_\_\_ uncles,
- \_\_\_\_\_ and cousins around her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ They had sent presents
- \_\_\_\_\_ but she couldn't thank them in person.

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- \_\_\_ They wouldn't watch her blow out candles.
- \_\_\_ She couldn't listen to stories
- \_\_\_ her grandparents' stories
- \_\_\_ about growing up
- \_\_\_ in Italy
- \_\_\_ and Cuba.
- \_\_\_ They wouldn't sing together.

### Events

- \_\_\_ Mama made Rosa's favorite meal.
- \_\_\_ Mother,
- \_\_\_ Father,
- \_\_\_ and Jose sang "Happy Birthday."
- \_\_\_ Rosa made a wish.
- \_\_\_ "I know I won't get it,"
- \_\_\_ she said to herself,
- \_\_\_ "but I'm going to wish for it anyway."
- \_\_\_ She blew out all the candles.
- \_\_\_ Rosa's father gave her the first present.
- \_\_\_ It was a DVD.
- \_\_\_ He put the DVD into the player.
- \_\_\_ On the television screen
- \_\_\_ was the rest of Rosa's family
- \_\_\_ smiling
- \_\_\_ and waving
- \_\_\_ and wishing her a happy birthday.
- \_\_\_ Each person asked Rosa
- \_\_\_ to open the present they sent.
- \_\_\_ They explained
- \_\_\_ why they chose that gift for Rosa.
- \_\_\_ Her family sang favorite songs
- \_\_\_ and Rosa,
- \_\_\_ her mother,
- \_\_\_ her father,
- \_\_\_ and Jose joined in.
- \_\_\_ Grandfather spoke to Rosa.
- \_\_\_ "This is a new story,
- \_\_\_ one you have never heard before.
- \_\_\_ I am going to tell it
- \_\_\_ as a special birthday gift.
- \_\_\_ It's about my first birthday
- \_\_\_ in this country
- \_\_\_ when I was very lonely.
- \_\_\_ It is about how I met your grandmother."
- \_\_\_ When Grandfather was finished,

- \_\_\_ he
- \_\_\_ and Grandmother blew Rosa a kiss.
- \_\_\_ The DVD was finished.

### Resolution

- \_\_\_ Rosa felt wonderful.
- \_\_\_ "I didn't think I would get my wish
- \_\_\_ but I did,"
- \_\_\_ she said.
- \_\_\_ When Mama
- \_\_\_ and Papa came to say goodnight,
- \_\_\_ they found Rosa asleep
- \_\_\_ with the DVD next to her.
- \_\_\_ It had been the best birthday ever.

74 Ideas

Number of ideas recalled \_\_\_\_\_

Other ideas recalled, including inferences:

### Questions for "A Special Birthday for Rosa"

1. The story took place on what day?  
*Explicit:* Rosa's birthday
2. At the beginning of the story what was Rosa's problem?  
*Implicit:* she would not be celebrating her birthday with her whole family

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3. How old was Rosa on this birthday?

*Implicit:* eight

4. What did Rosa wish for before she blew out the candles?

*Implicit:* that she would be able to spend her birthday with her whole family

5. What was on the DVD?

*Explicit:* the rest of Rosa's family wishing her a happy birthday

6. What special birthday gift did her grandfather give her?

*Explicit:* he told her a story about when he came to the United States and how he met her grandmother

7. How did the DVD help to solve Rosa's problem?

*Implicit:* it brought her family to her; *or* it helped her miss the family less

8. At the end of the story where was the DVD?

*Explicit:* in bed beside Rosa

Without Look-Backs

Number Correct Explicit: \_\_\_\_

Number Correct Implicit: \_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Independent: 8 correct

\_\_\_\_ Instructional: 6–7 correct

\_\_\_\_ Frustration: 0–5 correct

With Look-Backs

Number Correct Explicit: \_\_\_\_

Number Correct Implicit: \_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_

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